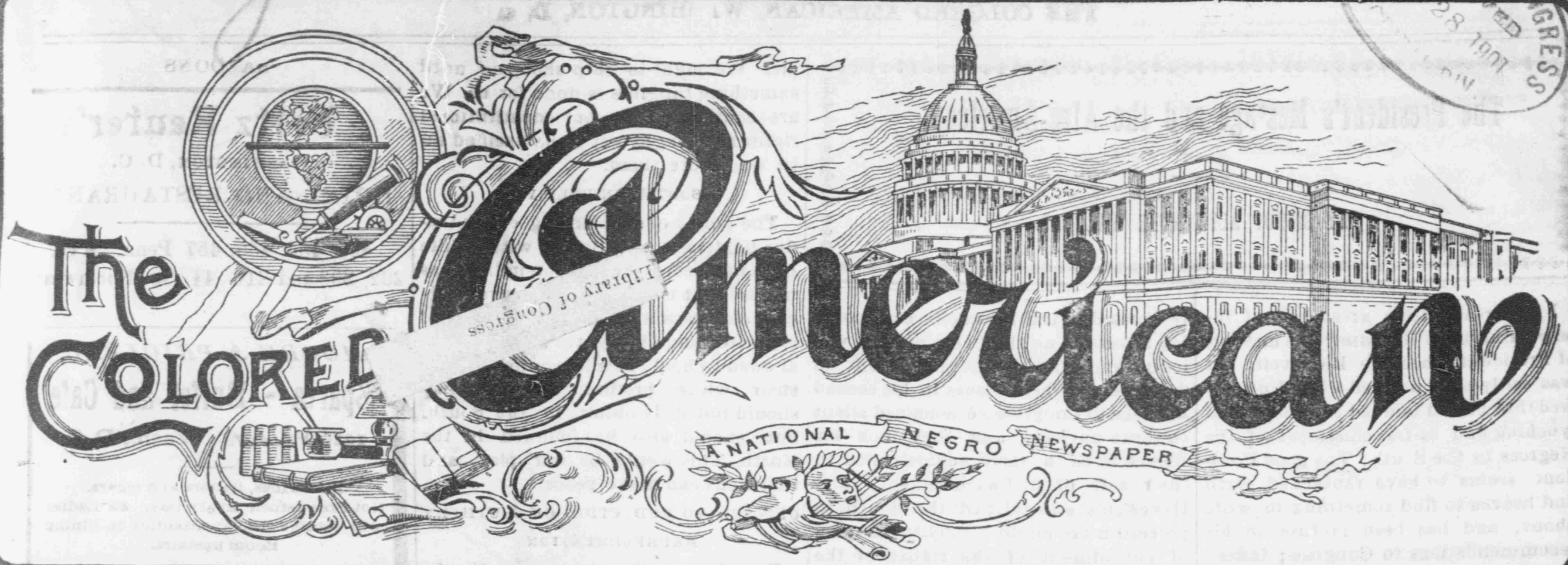
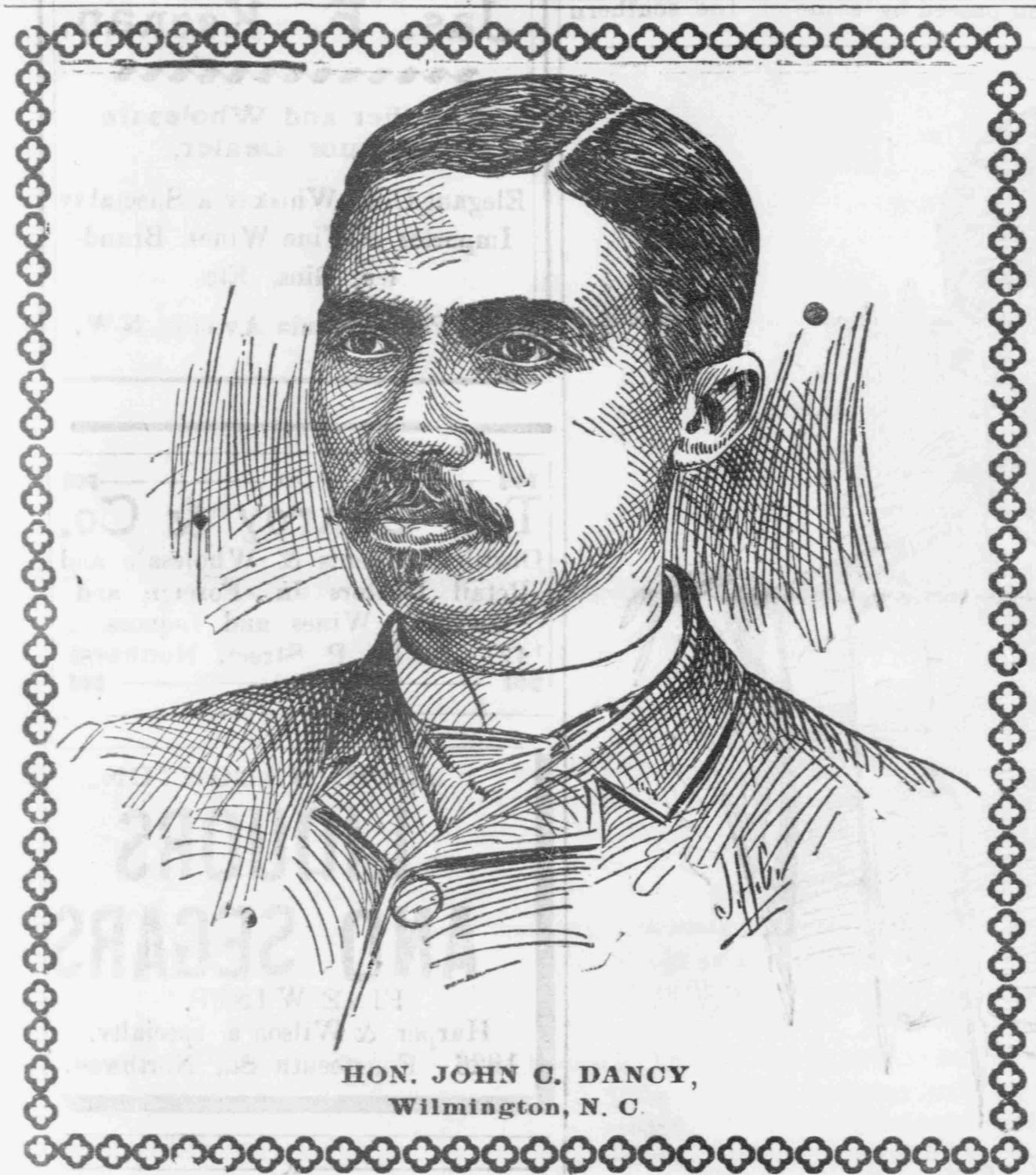


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HON. JOHN C. DANCY,
Wilmington, N. C.

A NEW RECORDER OF DEEDS.

Hon. John C. Dancy, the Silver Tongued Orator of North Carolina, the Lucky Man.

Well Known Figure in the World of Politics, Editor of the Zion Quarterly and Leading Laymen in the Zion A. M. E. Church.

The appointment of Hon. John C. Dancy, of Wilmington, N. C., to the Recordship of Deeds for the District of Columbia meets with general satisfaction everywhere. Since Mr. Cheatham was to resign, the President could not have made a more popular selection.

Mr. Dancy is one of the best known colored men in the United States. He is a man of great force of character and a most pleasing and persuasive orator. He is the leading layman in the Zion A. M. E. Church and editor of the Zion Quarterly, one of the best Negro magazines published. He belongs to that group of men of to-day which is best represented by such types as Booker T. Washington, and Jucson W. Lyons. He comes from one of the best families in North Carolina and has lived in that State nearly all of his life. He was a protege of Prof. J. C. Price, the founder of Livingstone College at Salisbury, N. C., and who was considered by many

as the greatest orator the Negro race has produced.

He will bring to the office of Recorder of Deeds a familiarity of the work and an equipment equalled by few. He is at present the Collector of Port at Wilmington, N. C., a position which he has filled in a most creditable manner. So popular is Mr. Dancy with the white people of that city, that, during the great riot there a few years ago, he was the only prominent colored man who was permitted to remain unmolested. Mr. Dancy is still a young man and is referred to as the 'Orator of Cape Fear.' He has crossed the waters a number of times, being sent to London to represent his Church at the Ecumenical Conference some years ago. He first came into prominence as an orator when, at the National Republican Convention which met in Chicago in 1888, he seconded the nomination of Hon. John Sherman for the presidency. This speech is said to have been the equal of that of Wm. Jennings Bryan delivered in the same city a few years later.

No better estimate can be given of Mr. Dancy's ability as an orator and thinker than his impromptu speech delivered at St. Marks Methodist Episcopal church in Wilmington, N. C. Sept. 19th at the memorial services to the late President Wm. McKinley. In closing Mr. Dancy said:

"He knew no east, no west, no south,

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HE GOES TO LIBERIA.

r. J. R. A. Crossland, the New Minister to Liberia a Most Impressive Man

Of Fine Ability and Sterling Character He Has Been a Power in Missouri Politics—A Successful Physician and Leader.

Dr. J. R. A. Crossland, a young republican of St. Joseph, Mo. who has just been appointed as Minister to Liberia is a young man of unusual ability and high character, a man whose whole life has been devoted to the elevation of his race. In all of the great battles of the party, that have been fought in the West during the past twenty years no man has rendered better service or been more earnest in the advocacy of the principles of his party. He is a forcible orator, a tireless worker, a tried and trusted leader. A man who has been an ardent supporter of President Roosevelt long before he came into White House.

Dr. Crossland is president of the Negro State Republican League, numbering a membership of fifty-one thousand and loyal republican voters. He is a

member at large of the Republican State Central Committee and has been for the past six years. He has been a delegate to every state convention held in Missouri for the past fifteen years. He has been city physician of St. Joseph, Mo. a city of 100,000 inhabitants. Dr. Crossland is a university graduate and a leading member of the Missouri Medical Association. It is with pleasure that we call attention to the splendid qualities of this young man. The West is entitled to one of these places and we unhesitatingly favor the appointment given to Dr. Crossland.

The position as Minister to Liberia pays an annual salary of \$5,000, with an assistant at \$2500. The present Minister is Rev. Owen L. W. Smith of North Carolina. Dr. Crossland called on the President last Friday to thank him for the appointment and to say that he would accept. He has returned to his home in the West and will leave for the western coast of Africa sometime in January.

Senator Foraker announces that Theodore Roosevelt is his candidate for the presidential nomination for 1904. Good enough for anybody.



DR. J. R. A. CROSSLAND
St. Joseph, Mo